

LOCAL

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Gene and Nancy have been the AWANA area missionaries, ministering to local clubs for 40 years in San Diego, Imperial counties and Hawaii. They are available to visit and speak at local clubs, at Churches for Sunday AM or PM Services, and Missions conferences. They help with leadership training, direct clubber events like Awana Games and Quizzing, and Awana Ministry Conferences.

DOMESTIC

Robby Spears
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Robby organizes sports teams to compete and minister through athletics. Teams have gone to countries like China, and Brazil but they concentrate on local schools and colleges in and around Campbellsville, KY. He also takes a team to Florida to play softball in a prison on an annual basis. The first year they saw 140 inmates indicate a decision for Christ. Sports are the springboard for evangelism in this ministry. Robby says "ever since I have been old enough that I felt like I could contribute or share my faith with others, I could never find anything that fit for me. This is my calling. I feel comfortable with sharing with the guys and its fun while we do it."

INTERNATIONAL

Paul and Marti Hindalong
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Paul and Marti are a delightful retired couple teaching English, and leading seminars on parenting to Russian couples. A team from Gateway was able to go and minister in their area in the summer of 2004. The Hindalongs have been involved in Russian ministry for 8-9 years. Since February of 2009 they have semi retired and settled down in Antioch, Tennessee. They still plan to travel to Russia several times a year through World Venture and continue to minister to young people there. Their primary ministry focus is discipleship and ministering to the Russian youth. Russian people are impacted by dysfunctional homes, and being influenced by the negative aspects of Western culture and Russian government control.

Manuel and Ana Esther Gonzales
Cuba
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Manuel is a Pastor in a church in the outskirts of Havana with the Baptist Convention there. He also teaches at the Baptist Seminary. Ana Esther leads and records music locally. She also has done extensive work translating the Baptist Hymnal. They face huge obstacles in reaching souls for Christ in government, social and geographic areas.

Tammy Harrell
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Tammy was sent to Siberia by Jamul Community Church through Indian Hills Camp. She loved the work in camps there and ended up staying to teach English. She ministers to students in Tyumen, Siberia through the local church and works in youth camps in the summer.

Gary and Kathy Opfer
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Triple Cord Ministry is an independent mission board. The Opfers are in Colorado Springs now, after spending the past 7-8 years in Bosnia as church planters during the turbulent years of conflict there. These churches are left in the capable hands of native pastors to minister to their own people. The Opfers are working in Colorado to support one of these churches in Bosnia. Gateway now supports this church through them.

Dan and Na Tisdale
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Dan, Na and their son Daniel minister in Chiang Mai, Thailand. Dan is from Alaska and Na is from Thailand. Their Pioneer's primary ministry is planting churches, evangelizing, and to disciple the Isaan people. Na has written the first three books in a Children's Bible curriculum. Their church, with the help of local volunteers, has recently worked with Habitat for Humanity to build a home for a local family.

Bala Sunundrum
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Bala ministers in Agra, in the shadow of the Taj Mahal. He faces Hindu religious persecution as he stands in the gap for the children of Agra. Church members from Gateway have traveled there numerous times to support and encourage him in his ministry. Pastor Bala runs an orphanage for approximately 100. The children are housed and educated through support from our church.

Samuel Nehemiah
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Samuel lives here in El Cajon and has a speaking ministry. He uses his personal testimony to raise awareness for the people with disabilities in Nigeria where he grew up. His mission is to give hope, knowledge and independence to people with disabilities that need it for their day-to-day survival in Nigeria and in the continent of Africa. His mandate is to build a sense of hope, self-confidence and reduce dependence and begging among people with disabilities.

Pastor Eric Mukwenda
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Pastor Eric's ministry in Tanzania is a model for spreading the gospel, feeding the poor and equipping the saints. The main church in Arusha has planted six sister churches, and an Elementary school for underprivileged students to learn in English. They continue to raise the resources to expand the school through High School. The ministry also includes a Tailoring School, ministries to youth, women, men, singles, regular bible seminars and revivals. A team from Gateway traveled to Tanzania in the summer of 2009. They experienced firsthand, the heart of this ministry by teaching, laboring and evangelizing in the local area. Pastor Eric travels regularly to raise support for the poor and orphaned children in Arusha, and to enable them to attend the Maranatha Mission School.